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SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EPISTLE: Galatians 2:16-20

Brethren: Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

All Saits of Alaska
Feast Day – September 24th

EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Brethren: We, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in

much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

GOSPEL: Mark 8:34-9:1

The Lord said to His disciples: "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

The Lord told this parable, the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise, he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. After a long time, the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

MON. Sept 21	Apostle Quadratus of the Seventy; Eph 1:22-2:3, Lk 3:19-22
TUE. Sept 22	Hieromartyr Phocas; Eph 2:19-3:7, Lk 3:23-4:1
WED. Sept 23	Conception of St. John the Baptist; Eph 3:8-21, Lk 4:1-15
THU. Sept 24	Synaxis of All Saints of Alaska; Eph 4:14-19, Lk 4:16-22
FRI. Sept 25	Venerable Sergius of Radonezh; Eph 4:17-25, Lk 4:22-30
SAT. Sept 26	St. John the Theologian; 1 Cor 14:20-25, Lk 4:31-36
4:00 PM	**VESPERS**
SUN. Sept 27	**17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, *Tone 8***
9:10 AM	**HOURS**
9:30 AM	**DIVINE LITURGY Followed by Coffee Social**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Subdeacon John (Roger Pinta), P. O. Box 39, Middle Bass, OH 43446; **Laura Kovach,** 382 South Church Road, Marblehead, OH 43440; **Joe Schutt,** 9340 Roseto Villa Drive, Dublin, OH 43016; **Tony Monastra & Tina Rindfleisch**, 2119 Willow Cove, Marblehead, OH 43440; **Patti Owens,** 311 Woodbridge Road Vermilion, OH 44089; **Irene Vangeloff**, 3580 Shaw Ave., Apt. 305, Cincinnati, OH 45208 Tel.: (513) 376-9693

SEPTEMBER REPOSED

George Mazur (1937) No date provided; George Mazurik (1940) No date provided; William Rose (1980) No date provided; **2**- David Douglas (2015); **4**- John Mataleska (1986); **4**- Archpriest John Grandziuk (1947) Former Pastor; **5**- Archpriest Michael Dziama (1944) Former Pastor; **7**- Lisa Monak (2020); **14**- Archpriest George Breyan (2009) Former Pastor; **14**- Mary Kamiotis (2017); **15**- Infant Sloane Swanton (2021); **15**- Eileen Libb (2022); **16**- John George Mazurik (1997); **18**- Bernie Labouda (2018); **19**- Peter Rindfleisch (2006); **20**- Nora Bird (2017); **21**- Joseph Mazur (2002); **26**- Pastor Kevin Brown (2020); **27**- Michael Ittescu (1968); **27**- Alison Pickney (2017); **27**- Karen Milano (2017); **28**- William Felenchak (1977)

PRAYER LIST

Parishioners & Family: Tom & Ellen Martin / Laura Kovach / Joe Schutt / Tony Monastra / Sessely and her unborn baby / Russel / Debby /Subdeacon John (Roger Pinta) / Bryan Gibson / Tom Sitzler / Valerie Schutt / Hayden Issler / Roger Pinta Jr. / Richard Williams / Christine Twarek / Tony Monastra / Alvin Foland / Delaine Ward (Ron Royhab's sister) / Nikki and her newborn baby / Kristen Cassell / Laura DeKemper / Tom Hileman / Cliff & Kathy Ruggles / Sandra / Renee Haynal / Sharon Shaheen (Patti Owen's sister) / Heidi Golob / Ron & Bobbie Royhab /Rodney Clevenger / Jennifer Heffernan / Pam / Jim Twarek / Ed Garrity / Patti Owens / Barbara Wroblewski / Michal Tomáš / Helena Tomášová / Ruth Sheller / Carol / David Martin / Fred Soski / Irene Vangeloff / Sonja Rose / James Bargdill / Carole Conaway/ Gary Conaway / Sharon Dietrich / Michael Glovinsky / Shirley Gresh / Betty Kovach / Child Stella Miller / William Pipenur / Helen Jean Rofkar / George Royhab / Marianne Royhab / Kathy Jacob / the child Bodhi Cassell / Gleice, Sophie & Chloe / Carol / Nora.

Other Requests: Catechumen Justin Inks / Catechumen Mariah Moses / Catechumen Cory Moses / Chris Clabaugh / Samantha Lee / Peggy / Becky / Ella / Tom Virostek / Bob Stephenson / Jim Rinaldo

/ Roy / Greg / Patty Wandover / Russ M. / Suzeann / Laura Engler / Steve Rohweder / Nicole Williams / John Couture / Ann Turinsky / Marcia / Catechumen Blake Shoemaker / Linkoln Paull / Matushka Melania / Sharyn Osborne / Amy / Bill Byrnes / Susanne / Charles Schlett / Kathy Debevits / Anthony / Archpriest Ján Čižmár / Archpriest David Lis / Archpriest Emilian Hutnyan / Archpriest John Adamcio / Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan / Donald Gresh / Mark Ludvik / Robert Piznar / William / Rick Rowe / Chris.

Military: Craig Cassell / Jake Ellithorpe / Jordon Fulton / Justin Issler / Tikhon / Nicholas / & All Military

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VIGILS FOR September 13th

Bundren Family 1 Special Intentions

Tim Glovinsky 1 In birthday memory of mom

Sue Guzy 1 Special Intentions

Laura Kovach 3 For health and/or healing of Roger P., Jim K., Mary B., Samantha L., Joe S., Elaine R., Mimi T., Katie M., Roger P., Matushka Michelle, Robin L., Margi & Joe, Heidi & Wayne G., Lindsay & Janet, Jerry Z., Patti O., Deb F., Russ M, Burt K., Bobbie & Ron R., Peggy S., Brenda T., Betty K., Margaret M., Mark M., Dana M., and Bodhi, C.
Anniversary blessings to Joe and Margi
Special intentions

Sandy Martin 1 Special Intentions

Gabe Mazurik 1 Special Intentions

Natalie Twarek 10 In loving memory of my dad (9/16/97), Anniversary blessing to Nikki & Sean (9/15/18), Birthday blessings for Braelynn (9/15), In loving memory of Georgia on her birthday (6/16), For the health and recovery of Samantha Lee & Chris Clabaugh, For the health of Sessely and unborn baby, For the health and recovery Laura and Joe and Elaine, Roger, For the health of Nikki and Brynlee For God's guidance for Mia, For the health of Fr Peter & Matushka Michelle, and Fr John & Matushka Melania, For the health and recovery of John, Mimi, Rodney, Bob, Richard, Laura, Kathy & Cliff, Irene, Ron & Bobbie, Betty, Kayla, Heidi, Wayne, Peggy & Becky, Marcia, Health and healing for Father's parents Michal & Helena and Matushka's mom Barbara & Walter, For the health of Nick & family, Christine, Jen, Father David, Carole, Gary, Sharon, Sonya, Margi & Joe, MaryAnn & Bob, Bodhi, Stella, Jake, Pat, Special Intentions

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ATTENDANCE

09/12 Vespers, **3** attending; **09/13** Divine Liturgy, **35** attending (3 guest)

READERS LIST

Sunday Sep 20 – Tim
Sunday Sep 27 – Tim

SEPTEMBER CANDLE SPONSORS

Altar Candles: Joe & Valerie Schutt, In memory of Rose Haburt, Violet Bargdill & LaVerne Schutt **($50); Chandelier:** Joe & Valerie Schutt, For the newly baptized Rowan, Mike, Sharon, Adam, Dan, Sessely, Joshua, Stephanie, & Max.; Tina Rindfleisch, In loving memory of her dad, Earl; Tina, In loving memory of Peter P. Rindfleisch **($50); Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** Jean Hileman, God's Blessings for Justin and his deployment; Joe & Valerie Schutt, Good Health and

Happiness for the Stamp, Paull, & Cole families; **($25); Candles at the Cross:** Laura Kovach, Birthday blessings to Fin and Jack; Mike & Sharon Cole for upcoming daughter's marriage **($20); Candles at St. Tikhon Icon:** Sharon Cole, Special Intentions; Mike & Sharon Cole for healing **($20)**

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

25 – Roger Pinta; **26 –** Greg Twarek *

CHARITY OF THE MONTH

"Support our Seminarians" is the charity we donate to for the month of September.

CLEANING SCHEDULE

Sep 21, Jean
Sep 28, Stephanie
Oct 5, Laura
Oct 12, Tina

SUNDAY OFFERING

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Tithe	$1,243.00
Donations	$ 60.00
Candles	$ 98.00
Vigils	$ 115.00
Holy Day Donation	$ 250.00
Chandelier	$ 100.00
Altar Candles	$ 50.00
Eternal Light & Icon Screen	$ 25.00
Candles at the Cross	$ 25.00
Total:	**$1,966.00**

May the Lord reward you for your financial and spiritual support!

UP-COMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sep 22nd – Baking Day – 8:00 AM *(Tuesday)*

Sep 28th – Baking Day – 8:00 AM *(Monday)*

Oct 1st – Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos *(Thursday)*

Oct 10th – Market Day 8:00 am *(Saturday)*

Nov 1st – Daylight saving time ends *(Sunday)*

Nov 15th – Beginning of Nativity Fast *(Sunday)*

Nov 21st – Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple *(Saturday)*

MARKET DAY

Our sincere thanks are extended to Greg, Tina, Natalie, Mike & Sharon, Sue, Tim, Mimi, Judy, Daniel & Sessely, Ryan, Natalia & Sebastian who helped with our Market Day yesterday, September 19th. The gross income from the sale was **$2,636.90.** May Our Lord reward you all abundantly for your time and energy with good health, peace, and happiness!

Our next Market Day will take place on Saturday, **October 10th** starting with set up at **8:00 AM**. We will have halupki, perohi, kielbasa and kraut, bratwurst and kraut, spanakopita, and a large variety of baked goods. Your help is needed and greatly appreciated!

COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR LIST

Sep 20 -	Natalia, Ryan & Sebastian
Sep 27 -	Mat. Michelle
Oct 4 -	Terri Cassell
Oct 11 -	Josh & Stephanie

Please sign up to host coffee hour. Signup sheet is located in the Social Hall

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Greatmartyr Eustáthios Placidas, with his wife and children, of Rome

Commemorated on September 20

Before his Baptism, the Holy Great Martyr Eustáthios was named Plakidas (Πλακίδας). He was a Roman General in the reigns of Emperors Titus (79-81) and Trajan (98-117). Even before he came to know Christ, Plakidas devoted himself to charitable endeavors, helping the poor and destitute. Therefore, the Lord did not allow this virtuous pagan to continue in the darkness of idolatry.

One day, while hunting in a forest, he saw a remarkable stag which stopped now and then to stare at him. Plakidas pursued it on horseback, but could not catch up. The stag jumped over a chasm and stood on the other side facing him. Suddenly, Plakidas saw a radiant Cross between its antlers. The General was astonished to hear a voice coming from the Cross saying, "Why do you pursue me, Plakidas?"

"Who are You, Master?" asked Plakidas. The voice replied, "I am Jesus Christ, Whom you do not know, but by your good deeds, you honor me. I have appeared here on this creature for your sake, to draw you into the net of my love for mankind. It is not fitting that one as righteous as you should worship idols and remain ignorant of the truth. It was to save mankind that I came into the world."

Plakidas cried out, "Lord, I believe that You are the God of Heaven and earth, the Creator of all things. Master, teach me what I should do." Again the Lord replied, "Go to the bishop of your country and receive Baptism from him, and he will instruct you."

Plakidas returned home and joyfully recounted everything to his wife Tatiana. She in turn told him of a strange dream she had the evening before, in which she had been told, "Tomorrow you, your husband and your sons shall come to me and know that I am the true God." The couple then proceeded to do as they had been told.

They hastened to the Christian bishop, who baptized all their family, and then communed them with the Holy Mysteries. Plakidas was renamed Eustáthios, his wife was called Theopistē, and their children, Agapios and Theopistos.

On the following day, Saint Eustáthios went to the place of his miraculous conversion and there he gave thanks to the Lord for having called him to the path of salvation.

Saint Eustáthios received another a miraculous revelation. The Lord Himself predicted his impending tribulations: "Eustáthios, you shall suffer many misfortunes, as did Job, but in the end you will conquer the devil."

Soon Saint Eustáthios was afflicted with misfortune: all of his servants died of the plague, and his cattle perished. Brought to ruin, but not despairing in spirit, Saint Eustáthios and his family secretly abandoned their home, to live in poverty unknown, humble, and poor.

They went to Egypt to board a ship bound for Jerusalem. During the voyage the Saint experienced more sorrow. Captivated by Theopistē's beauty, the ship owner cruelly set Eustáthios and his children ashore, keeping the wife for himself.

With great sadness the Saint continued on his way, and new calamity befell him. Coming to a tempestuous river, he went to carry his two sons across in turn. When he brought the first one across, the other was seized by a lion and was carried off into the wilderness. As he turned back to shore, a wolf dragged the other child into the forest.

Saint Eustáthios wept bitterly, but he realized that Divine Providence had sent him these misfortunes in order to test his endurance and devotion to God. Saint Eustáthios prepared himself for even more sorrows, knowing that one who endures temptations and has been tested will receive the crown of life which God has promised to those who love Him (James 1:12).

In the village of Badessos he found work and spent five years in ceaseless toil. Saint Eustáthios did not know at the time that by God's mercy, shepherds and farmers had rescued his sons, and they were living near him. He was also unaware that the impudent shipowner had been struck down with a terrible disease and died, leaving Saint Theopistē untouched. She lived in peace and freedom at the place where the ship landed.

During this time it had become difficult for Emperor Trajan to raise an army for Rome to deal with a rebellion, for the soldiers refused to go into battle without Plakidas. They advised Trajan to send men out to all the cities to search for him.

Antiochos and Akakios, who were friends of Plakidas, sought him in various places. Finally, they arrived in the village where Saint Eustáthios lived. The soldiers found him, but they did not recognize him. They began telling him about the person they sought, asking for his help and promising him a large reward. Saint Eustáthios recognized his friends right away, but he did not disclose his identity to them.

Borrowing money from one of his friends, he prepared a meal for his visitors. As they looked at him, they noticed that he resembled their former commander. When they saw a scar on his shoulder from a deep wound made by a sword, they realized that it was their friend who stood before them. They embraced him with tears and told him why they had been looking for him.

Saint Eustáthios returned to Rome with them and was restored to his former rank. Many new recruits were drafted into the army from all over the Empire. He did not know that the two young soldiers who served him, and whom he loved for their skill and daring, were actually his own sons. They did not realize that they were serving under the command of their own father, nor that they were brothers by birth.

While on campaign, the army led by Eustáthios halted at a certain place. One night, the brothers were talking in their tent. The elder spoke about his life, how he had lost his mother and brother, and how he had been parted from his father. The younger brother then realized that the other man was his own brother, and revealed how he had been rescued from the wolf.

A woman overheard their conversation, since their tent was pitched right next to her house, and she realized that these were her sons. Without identifying herself to them, but not wishing to be separated from them, she went to their general, Saint Eustáthios, and asked that he take her to Rome with him. She said she had been a prisoner, and wanted to go home. Then she came to recognize the general as her husband, and with tears she told him about herself, and about the two soldiers who were their sons. Thus, through God's great mercy, the entire family was reunited.

Soon thereafter, the rebellion was crushed, and Saint Eustáthios returned to Rome with honor and glory. Emperor Trajan had died in the meantime, and his successor Hadrian (117-138) wanted to celebrate the

victory with a solemn sacrifice to their "gods." To everyone's amazement, Saint Eustáthios did not go to the pagan temple. The Emperor ordered them to find him and bring him to the temple.

“Why don’t you want to worship the gods?” the Emperor inquired. “You, above all others, should offer thanks to them. Not only did they preserve you in war and grant you victory, but they also helped you to find your wife and children.” Saint Eustáthios replied: “I am a Christian and I glorify and give thanks to Christ, and I offer sacrifice to Him. I owe my life to Him. I do not know or believe in any other God.” Outraged, the Emperor ordered him to remove his military belt and brought Eustáthios and his family before him. They did not succeed in persuading the steadfast confessors of Christ to offer sacrifice to idols. The Saint's family was sentenced to be torn to pieces by wild beasts, but the animals would not touch the holy martyrs.

Then the cruel Emperor ordered that they be thrown alive into a red-hot brass bull, and Saint Eustáthios, his wife Theopistē, and their sons Agapios and Theopistos suffered martyrdom. Before being placed inside the bull, Saint Eustathios prayed, “Grant, O Lord, Thy grace to our relics, and grant a place in Thy Kingdom to all who call upon us, Though they call upon us when in danger on a river, or on the sea, we entreat Thee to come to their aid.”

Three days later, they opened the brass bull, and the bodies of the holy martyrs were found unscathed. Not one hair of their heads was singed, and their faces shone with an unearthly beauty. Many who witnessed this miracle came to believe in Christ. Some pious Christians buried the bodies of the Saints with all honor and reverence.